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Hunter Wild just wants to get through her last year at the secret Helios-Ra Academy. To do so, she'll have to betray her grandfather, date a vampire and possibly take down the entire League - all before the end of term.

Out for Blood Details

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Sarah says

Hunter comes from a long line of vampire hunters and is one of the star pupils at the Helios-Ra Academy. Her friendship with Kieran has recently brought her into contact with the Drake family and for the first time she is questioning the Helios-Ra ethos that all vampires are evil and should be destroyed. Back at the Academy students are suffering from a mysterious illness and Hel-Blar attacks are on the increase. Hunter is convinced there is something suspicious going on but who can she trust to help her get to the truth? If she can't trust the other hunters can she really trust a vampire to help her get to the bottom of things? Does she have any other choice?

It's no secret that I really enjoyed the first two books in the Drake Chronicles series so I couldn't wait to pick up Out for Blood. This series really does get better with every book as Alyxandra Harvey continually steps things up a gear. If you're new to the series then I'd highly recommend reading the books in order starting with My Love Lies Bleeding (or Hearts at Stake as it is called in the US) so you don't miss out on the ongoing plot threads. This is a fabulous series though and one I'd definitely recommend reading!

What can I say about Out for Blood apart from move over Logan and Nicholas I have a new favourite Drake brother in Quinn! I have to confess I didn't think I'd fall for Quinn as hard as I did, he's a bit of a ladies man and a player which isn't something I would usually go for in a guy but you can easily see why Quinn is such a hit with the girls because there is definitely something irresistible about him. I loved seeing the tables turned on him, he is used to having girls fall at his feet not falling himself so it was fun to see his reaction to Hunter and his new found feelings. Hunter was one of my favourite heroines in the series, she is a kick butt warrior who can protect herself and her friends and I love how she stands up to Quinn. It was also fantastic to learn more about the Helios-Ra from an insider's point of view and I hope we get to see more of her friends from the Academy.

The banter is one of the best things about this series - the banter between each couple but particularly between the Drake family and each of the brothers. You can feel the love this family has for each other and I really enjoy reading about a happy, supportive family for a change. It's great that although the focus is on Hunter and Drake we still get to see how the previous couples are getting on. Lucy still steals the show for every scene she appears in though, I can't get enough of her and Nicholas and she never fails to make me laugh out loud! As usual for this series there is also plenty of action and a plot that will keep you turning the pages as quickly as possible. If you're a fan of the series and haven't read this instalment yet what are you waiting for? Go out and grab your copy now!

Elena Love says

Ummm...At first I didn't know that this was the third book of Drake Chronicles and I really wanted to read the first one. I find books with different stories but in the same series and with the same thing a bit annoying because you just want to know what happens next with the characters. You can't just let go. In Drake Chronicles there are like so many brothers and each book is about one of them. Personally I loved Hunter's love affair with Quinn and the plot of the book but I just wanted it to like...I don't know. I wanted to learn what happens next with the characters and all that stuff. The other books are about Solange. I don't know if it's true but that's what I understood from what I've been told. And I have to tell you that I didn't really like

it. While reading this book I laughed so hard at some scenes, my heart was beating so fast at other ones and especially in the end when Hunter is poisoned I was like almost crying. It was so sad. And I was really angry with Chloe's behavior. She was a total bitch. But the end was totally amazing and I would love it if the author wrote another book about Quinn and Hunter. I personally read my favorite scenes of the book almost every day because the scenes between the two of them excite me:D So if you haven't read Drake Chronicle yet...what are you waiting for?

Kirsty (Amethyst Bookwurm) says

This and my other reviews can be found at <http://amethystbookwurm.blogspot.co.uk/>

Out for Blood is set a week after Blood feud where Helena is about to be crowned as queen, more Hel-Blar are attacking Violet hill and it is the start of a new year for the students at the Helios-Ra academy.

Out for Blood (like all of Alyxandra Harvey's books so far) has a good mix of Humour action and romance. This book is like a lot of YA paranormal romance books, where it is set in a boarding school and where a vampire and a vampire hunter have a star-crossed romance, but Harvey writes this book brilliantly so I don't mind if it is not as unique as her other Drake books.

I really understand and like hunter and how she always does what is right no matter how she is pressured not to and also how she acts when she is fighting what she should do and what she wants to do, which I think is very realistic. The romance in this book is good but I did not feel that Hunter and Quinn had as much of a spark as Lucy and Nick or Logan and Isabeau but I did like the start-crossed nature of their romance.

This book seems to have more supporting characters than the other books with Hunter's friends and teachers at the academy, and while I like the drakes it was nice to get to know different characters such as Chloe and Spencer.

I would recommend this book to those who like the rest of the drake chronicles.

Liberty Gilmore says

What's Good About It

If you've read my review of the previous two installments in this series, you'll know that I think they are full of unrealised potential. It's much the same with Out For Blood. Harvey continues with her comfortably successful formula, introducing a new female character to be a love interest for the next Drake in line. Frothy fun ensues with much 'he was so hot' and 'I couldn't explain why I was so obsessed with her', but not a lot of character development.

The pace remains good, and the threat, though not as high as in the last book, is enough to keep pages turning. There is even a little bit of set up for the next book, which has been absent in the previous installments. The set up is, of course, of a romantic nature, but at least introducing it as a possibility now gives it a little more credibility than the other relationships in the series thus far.

What's Not So Good

As I mentioned, the character development is pretty much non-existent. The romance relies on instant attraction, leaving the whole 'get-together' process bemusing at best. If you can get past the fact that there's no reason why Hunter and Quinn fall in love with each other, or that (as evidence by the fact that I just typed in completely the wrong Drake brother's name just then) the characters are pretty much interchangeable, then this is an amusing, light read, but nothing that will have you waiting impatiently for the next installment.

Donna {Book Passion for Life} says

Taking the same format as the previous books in the series, the story is split between two main characters. This time another Drake brother is introduced "Quinn" and a student from the Helios-Ra Academy "Hunter Wild". I personally think Quinn and Hunter make such a great couple who have incredible chemistry and so far I think "Out for Blood" is my favourite. I'm so glad we get to catch up with Logan and Isabeau as well as Solange, Kieran, Nicholas and Lucy. I also really liked Connor & Marcus and I am hoping to see more of them in future instalments. I just wish the fourth book was out sooner than 2011.

Jennifer says

I love this series - and it seems to just keep getting better and better.

One of the things that really gets me, is that though each story is "kinda" separate it all builds on the book before - though different character's eyes...

At first, with the first book - and even a bit with the 2nd, I was thrown off, a bit confused - though thats not even it...not really - it's tough to explain, I felt like I was missing something - which as the series goes on, I guess I was - each step, each book builds on the last -

I love that - this one was the best so far...

Full review to come!

Rebekah says

I love the Drake Chronicles. What isn't to love about seven overprotective, really hot, vampire brothers? If you ask the ladies who fall for them (like me), the answer is NOTHING!

The first three books of the series covers under a month and in that time the three younger Drake brothers all manage to snag a really cool girl who kicks butt--literally. Oh, and then their little sister (who they're protective of) also finds a boy. Wow, there is some hot blood in that family! And some hot kissing. Those older four brothers need to get a move on.

A favorite aspect of these books (besides all the wonderful kissing!) is the humor. So funny. I love books that make me laugh, and the Drake brothers do. They really, really do. And Quinn, oh Quinn, is so very laugh worthy. He has some great one liners. And he's really hot.

Another thing I like about these books: the world of the vampires--the different vampire families, the evil vampires, the super-duper evil vampires, the vampire hunters, the poor weak humans. There's a little something for everyone. The plots are great, with a nice complete story, but also longer story archs that flow from one book to the next.

Great cameos in this one from previous books. Though Hunter did have most of the story, I would've liked to get inside Quinn's head more.

Fun books! If you haven't read these yet, I'm recommending you do.

K. says

Trigger warnings: violence, blood.

3.5 stars.

Okay, so here's the thing: this series is ridiculous. Like, there are vampires and vampire hunters. But there are also GOOD vampires and BAD vampires and SUPER BAD vampires. The series basically follows the Good Vampires, aka the Drake Family, who have a butt ton of teenaged kids. Each book follows one of the kids falling in love with someone vaguely inappropriate but ultimately perfect for them.

This one follows Quinn, who falls for Hunter, who's unsurprisingly a vampire hunter. She's from a long line of vampire hunters and is all "EW GROSS VAMPIRES OH WAIT HE'S HOT" because we all know that the only thing it takes to overcome a lifetime of prejudice is hotness.

In summary: this series is ridiculous. This book is no exception. That said, it's fluffy and silly and enjoyable. So...there's that.

Bianca says

I have been dying to read this book and I wasn't disappointed. I picked it up last night and couldn't put it down. I read it all in one go. Even though I have to admit I'm a one way Nick and Lucy fan I really liked Quinn and Hunter. Unlike before in the last book where I tended to get bored with the couple this one had me sucked in right from the first pages. I really liked Hunter as a character, she is bad ass and I love girls who can fend for themselves instead of being the 'innocent need to be protected' girl. Hunter and Quinn are really suited for one another, I love how Quinn says that even if he has to start using the word Girlfriend and he would stop seeing other girls he would do it to have Hunter.

A few times Nick and Lucy are mentioned, I like how they got a smidge bit bigger role in this one. Lucy is

my favourite girl. I love how she is so accepting of the Drakes. They are practically her family and when Solange has the freak out about how she nearly ate Lucy, Lucy just shrugs it off with a "you're a vampire, Duh! You like blood"

** Im not looking forward to Lucy's parents coming back, I like having her at the Drakes.**

Can't wait for the next book!!

Mishma says

Reading Out for Blood, was a really tough decision to make. Even though I love this series and the whole Drake family, the second book, Blood Feud kind of reduced the love I had for the series. So long story short, I wasn't at all eager to read this book.

The blurb is probably the only thing that made me read it after much hesitation. Quinn is a Drake brother I love, the well loved bad boy type. And pairing him with a vampire hunter? Now that sounds interesting.

Just when I was into a few pages, I realized this. I am going to love this. Even though Blood Fued had the alternate pov thing, it didn't grab me since I was pretty much annoyed with it. But here, the alternate pov worked very well. Both the main characters are someone I loved, so it made the book so interesting to read.

Speaking of, I have to mention how much I loved Quinn and Hunter. Just like I told before, I couldn't help but love Quinn, since I always have a soft spot to douchebags. His pov is one I loved so much, especially when he talks about his feelings towards Hunter. When bad boys turn sweet, there's nothing more romantic than that.

Hunter lives up to her name. I mean, who names their kid, Hunter? Only a Helios Ra agent, I guess. She was so wonderful, and it was a relief to read about someone like that especially after the disappointment Isabeau was.

I can't say that Hunter and Quinn surpassed Lucy and Nicholas, but they come in a close second. But bookwise I have to say that I love Out for Blood more. It had action that was completely different from the first two, which was refreshing. In one sentence Out For Blood is my favourite Drake Chronicles book.

Nic says

Favourite Quote: *"His fangs lengthened, but only a little. I wouldn't even have noticed if I wasn't used to watching for things like that. And it didn't make me nervous for some reason. I wasn't scared, and not just because I had a purse full of small sharp weapons. There was something between us suddenly, and it wasn't merely a secret unraveling."*

I always have a blast reading The Drake Chronicles and Out for Blood is no exception. There are certain elements that I require for a good vampire tale and this book ticks all the boxes - fast paced plot, action and adventure, witty dialogue and a delicious romance.

First of all this is not your average vampire tale. It has such a unique concept with the Helios-Ra, the hounds,

the Host, and the Hel-Blar. In this installment Harvey focuses mostly on the Helio-Ra Academy where they train teenagers the skills to kill vampires. While the writing is good and the plot captures your attention (I devoured it in one day), it is a tad bit predictable. Don't get me wrong, there are some little surprises along the way but you know in the end the guy and the girl are going to up end together and of course save the day. But I like it that way. It is nice to have a series that doesn't need to end of a cliffhanger or with a break up.

Each installment focuses on a different member of The Drake family (except book one which had Solange and Nicholas Drake). Out For Blood is Quinn Drake and Hunter Wild's story. And let me tell you I have been waiting for Quinn's tale (I have been drooling over him since book 1). Apart from being delicious, he has an energetic attitude and is a big flirt. While Hunter is strong and fierce but a sweetheart. Not only can she kick some butt but she is the type of girl who you would want to be friends with. Quinn and Hunter relationship is filled with lots of flirting making for sizzling chemistry. It also a lot of fun and it is nice change from all those intense paranormal romances.

We also get to visit some of our favourite couples and characters from the previous books. I love getting a glimpse of what is going on in Lucy and Nicholas' lives. I love their snarky but sweet banter toward each other.

Overall, Out for Blood won't disappoint fans of this series.

Here are some other quotes I enjoyed:

"You are actually strutting", Nicholas muttered.

"Just a little. It is good for the soul."

"Quit studying- we haven't even started classes yet. Tell me about the Drake brothers. Are they as yummy as everyone says?"

"Totally." I didn't even have to think about that one. "It was like being in a room full of Johnny Depps. One of them even kind of dressed like a pirate."

Note: Book 4 - Bleeding Hearts will have 3 POV's Connor (Quinn's twin) Christabel (Lucy's cousin) and also Lucy! So excited as I love Lucy and wherever Lucy is Nicholas is sure to be! They are my favourite couple.

Emma says

I really don't know where to start. I love the Drake Chronicles, each book so far centres around one particular member of the Drake family. The family tree shown at the beginning highlights the characters to be focused on while showing the connection to the other characters.

I really don't feel as if I can go into too much plot detail with this book as it will certainly spoil the enjoyment of reading it yourself. Let me just say that I have not been disappointed yet with any of these books and this is no exception.

It is a brilliant piece of craftsmanship how Alyxandra Harvey is able to write a story with central characters

and yet still progress the other characters that we have already come to know in the previous books. Nicholas and Lucy/Kieran and Soalnge from My Love Lies Bleeding alongside Logan and Isabeau from Blood Feud. Having chatted to a few authors on twitter and knowing that the characters actually talk to them inside their heads; makes me wonder what on earth must be going on inside Alyxandra's head. All the characters are well developed, easy to relate to (you can even sympathize with the Drake's craving for blood) and their interactions are realistic.

This story revolves around Hunter, the last in a long line of prestigious Helios-Ra agents. Revolving around the inner workings of the Helios-Ra training school. Great insight into how the other side work, giving a rounded picture of both the Vampires and the Helios-Ra. Some incredible twist and turns, leaving the reader wondering just who are the 'enemy'. Courageous, loyal with some kicking martial arts skills, Hunter is a great role model. Here connection to Kieran adds to the storyline and parallels the Quinn/Solange relationship dynamics.

I absolutely adored how Quinn was portrayed; although not my 'type' you can appreciate his appeal. A true 'ladies' man playing the field with unabashed fervour. That is until he meets Hunter. They are inexplicably drawn to each other, although they both try to ignore it initially. It brought to mind the ideal of soul-mates and how you can't fight your destiny.

I could continue to waffle about how great the Drake Chronicles are but I will spare you. I will leave you with this - Out For Blood is the latest great addition to a phenomenal series.

~Tina~ says

Still, so much dame fun!!

Out for Blood is another great installment in the Drake Chronicles where we learn more about Kieran's best friend/sister, Hunter Wild, who's a vampire hunter trainee, a kick ass fighter and can't help fall for one of the delicious Drake boys; Quinn.

I really enjoyed both Hunter and Quinn's POV. Hunter is a very level headed, strong and independent character who isn't one of these damsel in distress kinda gals. Not to say that she isn't vulnerable, but it's awesome to see her hold her own.

Quinn is another brother I just adore, but to be honest I think I'm biased at this point.

He's your average smart-ass charmer and likes to play the field.

That is till he meets his match.

To some these books might be the same old same old, but to me there just great books with some of the best banter, wit and sarcasm that makes me smile and laugh and have a great time with. I adore these characters and the chemistry they give off each other. I also enjoy that each story brings in a new plot and this time we learn more about the Helios-Ra!

I really enjoyed Quinn and Hunter, they have such a great spark! Even Nick and Lucy stole a few scenes that made me melt as did the rest of the Drakes.

Simply put, I absolutely adore this world and always look forward to going back to this escape.

Action packed, mysterious, laugh out loud moments and tones of fun!

I can't wait to get my hands on the forth book.

I swear I never want this series to end!

More Please!

Amelie says

Ich suchte Alyxandra Harveys Geschichten gerade weg, als seien sie eine Droge. Aber mal ehrlich: Sind wir nicht alle Süchtige im Bann von Geschichten, die uns in andere Welten entführen. Und ja, ich weiß, dass das jetzt creepy klingt, aber MIR DOCH EGAL!

Out for Blood ist der dritte Teil der Reihe und er hat mir wieder super gefallen! Ich denke so in etwa auf einer Stufe mit dem zweiten. Der erste wird wohl auf ewig mein Favorit bleiben, weil wegen Hassliebe. Allerdings war das auch hier diese Wir-necken-uns-aber-alle-wissen-dass-die-Chemie-zwischen-uns-bald-EXPLODIERT Sache (Ja, ich mag diese langen Bindestrichdinger, die helfen mir, meine Gefühle richtig in Worte zu fassen).

Ich mochte Quinn, ich mochte Hunter, ich mochte alle, auch wenn Chloe mir manchmal auf den Keks gegangen ist. Allerdings war der "Twist" am Ende etwas vorhersehbar. Was aber nicht schlimm war, denn in diesen Büchern ist ohnehin die Liebesgeschichte das, was das Interesse beibehält. Und zumindest mein Interesse wurde definitiv beibehalten!

Ein Glück, dass ich Band 4-6 auch noch hier stehen habe... und dann werden die auch noch länger und länger die Bücher. Hehe... Lesestoff für die nächsten paar Tage hab ich jedenfalls gesichert!

Dani2500 says

My favourite book in the Drake Chronicles,

I love Quinn, he is awesome

I liked Hunter a lot, she is really cool

I like Chloe, Jenna, Jason and Spenser (OMG, Jenna Jason and Spenser, Pretty Little Liars lol)

I cant wait to read the next book in this amazing series :)
